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In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/742,171

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR QUANTIFYING THE QUALITY OF PLACEMENT CONFIGURATIONS IN A PARTITIONED REGION OF AN

INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT

LAYOUT

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated 10/17/03. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 8/21/04 to 9/21/04.

A one-month extension to 9/21/04 is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50 1128** referencing docket no. <u>SPLX.P0017.</u>

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